

### Remarks

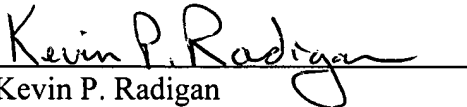
**Applicants respectfully request entry of these amendments after final, since the amendments place the application in condition for allowance.** Upon entrance of this Amendment, claims 2, 4-9, 11, 13-18, 21 & 23-28 will be pending.

In the Advisory Action dated December 14, 2005, claims 5, 14 & 24 were deemed allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Responsive to this indication, these claims are rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Further, claims 2, 4, 6-9, 11, 13, 15-18, 21, 23 & 25-28 have been amended to depend from a respective rewritten independent claim, while claims 1, 3, 10, 12, 19, 20 & 22 have been cancelled without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to file a continuing application for the subject matter of these canceled claims, as well as the remaining subject matter of this application.

Based on the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss this case with Applicants' attorney, please contact Applicants' attorney at the below-listed number.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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